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(U) San Bruno – Human Trafficking Suspects Arrested Near Mall

(U) Officers responded to a report of a girl who told a bystander that she needed to get away from somebody before leaving the scene. Officers arrived and learned that the subject requesting help was a juvenile and that she had been driven to the area by a male and female to meet with someone to engage in a commercial sex act. An investigation led officers to the victim's alleged traffickers in a vehicle parked nearby. Police said Taroy Lakeith Ireland, 26, and Ieshea Lucetia Pearl Marie, 27, were arrested and booked into San Mateo County jail on human trafficking and conspiracy charges.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Raises Nicaragua Threat Level, Pulls Diplomats' Families

(U) Washington DC – The United States is shutting down routine operations at its embassy in Nicaragua and pulling out some of its employees amid a string of deadly protests. The State Department says it's raising the threat level for Nicaragua and encouraging Americans to reconsider plans to travel there. Rights groups say dozens have died in protests and looting triggered by changes to the social security system. On Sunday, President Daniel Ortega withdrew the changes.

SOURCE: 23 April 2018, [Tampa Bay Times](#)

(U) Massachusetts – US Anti-Muslim Hate Crime Rose 15 Percent in 2017

(U) Boston – Hate crimes targeting US Muslims rose 15 percent in 2017, the second year of increases, according to a study released on Monday by advocacy group the Council on American-Islamic Relations. The group recorded 300 US hate crimes targeting Muslims last year, ranging from the June beating of a Muslim man in the Bronx borough of New York City by attackers who called him a terrorist to a November incident when a Muslim family's Kansas restaurant was burned down. That was up from 260 in 2016. The group's count of hate crimes targeting Muslims is lower than the FBI's, which recorded 307 anti-Islamic hate crimes in 2016, the most recent year for which it has released data. Last year's report measured a 44 percent increase in hate crimes into 2016 from 2015.

SOURCE: 23 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Tennessee – Police Arrest Waffle House Shooting Suspect after Manhunt

(U) Nashville – Police on Monday arrested the man suspected of fatally shooting four people at a Waffle House restaurant, ending a 36-hour manhunt after tips from the public led police to search secluded woods nearby. Photos posted online by Nashville police showed Travis Reinking, a 29-year-old construction worker, in custody. He was suspected of opening fire with an assault rifle at the restaurant early Sunday. In Nashville, authorities said they are still unclear about what motivated the Waffle House attack. Previously, the suspected gunman reportedly dubbed himself a "sovereign citizen," before being arrested in July 2017 outside the White House. Reinking used that term—which the FBI has also used to describe a group of anti-government extremists—during a clash last year with the Secret Service.

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Canada – Driver Kills 10, Injures 15 Plowing Van into Sidewalk Crowd**

(U) Toronto – A driver deliberately plowed his white Ryder rental van into a lunch-hour crowd in Toronto on Monday, killing 10 people and injuring 15 along a roughly mile-long stretch of sidewalk thronged with pedestrians. Although the attack had the hallmarks of recent deadly vehicle assaults by ISIS supporters in the United States and Europe, federal officials said it did not represent a larger threat to national security. Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders identified the suspect as Alek Minassian, 25, who he said had not previously been known to authorities. Police, who quickly arrested Minassian, do not know his motives.

SOURCE: 23 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Syria – Senior Southeast Asian ISIS Commander Reported Killed in Airstrike

(U) Hajin – Indonesia is investigating reports from ISIS supporters that the most senior Southeast Asian commander of the militant group was killed by US air strikes in eastern Syria last week. Online messages from ISIS propagandists said Bahrumsyah, an Indonesian national, died after US air strikes hit Hajin, north of the Syrian city of Abu Kamal, last Tuesday. If the reports were true, it would become a "motivation to carry out reprisal attacks" in Indonesia, the senior official said. As well as leading Katibah Nusantara, an armed unit comprising more than 100 Southeast Asians, Bahrumsyah also organized funding for the Islamist rebels who captured part of the southern Philippines city of Marawi in a bloody siege last year, analysts and officials say.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Yemen – Saudi-Led Air Strike Kills Top Houthi Official

(U) Hodeidah – A Saudi-led coalition air strike last week killed the top civilian leader in the armed Houthi movement in Yemen, the group reported on Monday, the most senior official to be killed by the Western-backed alliance in the three-year-old war. Saleh al-Samad held the post of president in the Houthi-backed political body which runs most of northern Yemen. Houthi leader Abdul Malik al-Houthi said in a televised statement that Samad was killed on Thursday in the port city of Hodeidah, on Yemen's west coast, in several strikes which killed six others in his retinue.

SOURCE: 23 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

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